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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE  
LITIGATION

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MARIA DE LA CRUZ,

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 4464

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

80 LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATES, LLC, ALAN  
KASMAN DBA KASCO, AMERICAN EXPRESS  
BANK, LTD., AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED  
SERVICES COMPANY, INC., ANN TAYLOR  
STORES CORPORATION, B.R. FRIED &  
ASSOCIATES, INC., BATTERY PARK CITY  
AUTHORITY, BFP TOWER C CO., LLC., BFP  
TOWER C MM LLC., BLACKMON-MOORING-  
STEAMATIC CATASTROPHE, INC., D/B/A BMS  
CAT, BLUE MILLENNIUM REALTY LLC,  
BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC.,  
BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP,  
BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP BROOKFIELD  
PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD  
PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., CENTURY 21,  
INC., ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., GPS  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.,  
GRUBB & ELLIS MANAGEMENT SERVICES,  
HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC,  
INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY,  
INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO.,  
LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC.,

LEHMAN BROTHERS, INC., LEHMAN  
COMMERCIAL PAPER, INC., MAYORE  
ESTATES LLC, MAYORE ESTATES LLC AND 90  
LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION LLC AS TENANTS  
IN COMMON, MCCLIER CORPORATION,  
MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC., NOMURA  
HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA  
SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL INC, STONER  
AND COMPANY, INC., STRUCTURE TONE (UK),  
INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES,  
INC., TOSCORP INC, TRAMMELL CROW  
COMPANY, TRAMMELL CROW CORPORATE  
SERVICES, INC., WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC.,  
WFP RETAIL CO. G.P. CORP., WFP RETAIL CO.  
L.P., WFP TOWER B CO. G.P. CORP., WFP  
TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP, AND WFP TOWER  
B. CO., L.P.,

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION,  
as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off  
Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts  
ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8,  
2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site  
Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master  
Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off  
Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies  
knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment  
dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 15, 2007

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